

# JAPAN

Japan is a chain of islands in the Pacific Ocean, about 120 miles east of China. There are four large islands and more than 4,000 smaller islands.

There are many mountains on these islands. Japan's highest peak is Mount Fuji, a volcano that towers 12,388 feet above sea level. Throughout the islands are many other volcanoes, a few of which are still active today.

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